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GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Through various Food Distribution Programs, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides food, otherwise known as commodities to help meet the nutritional needs of children and adults. By law, the USDA acquires agricultural commodities through price support programs, surplus removal, and direct purchase programs from national markets to provide nutritious high quality commodities to recipient agencies (RAs) and needy families. The USDA pays for the initial processing and packaging of the food and for transporting it to designated points within each State. State Distributing Agencies (SDAs) are then responsible for storing the food, transporting it throughout the State, and distributing it at the local level to eligible recipient organizations in the various food programs.

In Delaware, the Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services, Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP) is the State Agency responsible for administration of the various USDA commodity programs. The non-commodity areas of the various Child Nutrition programs are administered by the Department of Education.

Program History and Background

Through its commodity programs, the United States Department of Agriculture has been providing food to people and assistance to farmers since 1935. The Great Depression, which left millions of families without purchasing power and the nation's farmers without a market for their products, was the driving force behind the first piece of legislation that initiated the Food Distribution Program. This law authorized removal of surplus perishable foods and helped to stabilize prices. In 1946, the National School Lunch Act provided funds for the purchase of commodities for schools to improve the health and well-being of the nation's youth.

The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs continue to be the primary outlet for commodity foods. Throughout the ensuing years, other laws have been passed to include other categories as recipients of donated foods. In addition to school children, other recipients of USDA donated foods include meals for senior citizens, household commodities for needy families and commodities to organizations that serve the needy. Commodities are also an important resource in time of disasters, both for meals for people in shelters and for short-term household use.

The Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP) orders food from the USDA based on recipient agency preferences. After the USDA purchases it, it is shipped to our warehouse for delivery to recipients. The warehouse is located on state property in Delaware City. In 1990, the FFCP built a state-of-the-art food warehouse. Food is delivered to our agencies by refrigerated tractor trailers and refrigerated trucks. During FY 2007, the FFCP distributed over 3 million pounds of food with a value of over \$ 2.5 million dollars. The volume of food allocated to our state is based on the number of meals served by recipient agencies.

The form and quality of the commodities for the child nutrition programs has improved substantially during the past decade. Commodities purchased for these programs have to be nutritionally sound, but also appeal to school children's changing tastes. The "fast food" world that kids now inhabit has transformed school lunches. Gone are the days of beef stew and meat loaf. Now they demand chicken nuggets, steak sandwiches and pizza.

In addition to desirable commodities such as turkey roasts, beef patties, sliced cheese, fruits and vegetables, the FFCP contracts with several vendors that process commodities such as whole chickens into products like chicken nuggets. We also have bulk beef transformed into ground beef, sandwich steaks and meatballs. Tanker trucks of eggs are made into breakfast products. Cheese is used for pizza. The schools receive the value of the commodities and only pay for the cost of the conversion.

The USDA also provides food to smaller programs, such as the Summer Food Service Program that provides meals to school-aged children during the summer months. Many children go hungry or lack nutritious meals when they are not in school; this program helps to alleviate the situation. The USDA also provides commodities for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly, which provides nutritious meals for senior citizens throughout the state at senior centers and by Meals on Wheels.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. This program originated in the early 80's as a short-term program to disburse huge quantities of butter, cheese and other surplus items that had been held in storage by the USDA. These items were distributed to needy people through a network of volunteer organizations. After the stocks of the surplus items were depleted, the program was changed to one that primarily assisted those with the greatest need. The commodities are now distributed to shelters, soup kitchens, pantries and other emergency feeding organizations. These foods are packaged in household sizes and depend on agricultural conditions, but usually include a variety of canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, cereals and meat and poultry items.

Another important use for commodity foods is during disasters. Commodities are provided for mass feeding at shelters and other sites. If the normal commercial food supply is disrupted, commodity foods can also be distributed to households. Commodities can be shipped to a disaster location from all areas of the country.

Program Types

National School Lunch Program (NSLP): The NSLP is designed to provide a nutritionally balanced meal for children attending public or private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions (RCCIs). Participating RAs receive commodities for eligible meals served. The School Breakfast Program (SBP) operates under the same eligibility criteria as the NSLP.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): This program was established to ensure that needy children would be able to receive meals during the summer months similar to those provided during the school year by the NSLP.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): This program is designed to assure nutritious meals for children up to age 12, handicapped children up to age 15 and handicapped or older adults who participate in nonprofit, licensed or approved day care programs.

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) (formerly Nutrition Program for the Elderly): This program was designed to help improve the nutritional well-being of people over the age of 60. In Delaware, cash or commodities are provided for congregate meal sites and meals on wheels programs.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP): This program makes available surplus and supplemental foods to the homeless and needy households distributed through a network of shelters, soup kitchens, food banks and other emergency feeding organizations.

Charitable Institutions (CI): Commodities from USDA surplus stocks are provided as available to non-profit charitable institutions that serve meals to needy persons regularly. Correctional institutions that include a rehabilitative component in their operation are also eligible to receive limited products.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): The CSFP works to improve the health of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people age 60 years and older. CSFP participants must meet federal and state eligibility criteria in order to receive monthly food packages. USDA has approved Delaware's participation in this program but has not provided any funding.

Allocating Commodities

Commodities distributed by the USDA vary, depending on what food products are available and the programs being served. USDA determines the types and amounts of commodities. The USDA buys more than one hundred types of food. Although market conditions still largely determine which commodities are purchased, recent consumer interest in nutrition and diet has translated into an availability of foods with reduced fat, sugar, and salt content. In addition, the USDA specifies only high grades of commodities and upgrades those specifications regularly.

Since there is a limited amount of donated food, federal laws require that commodities be allocated to each state based on the **actual number of meals** that were served to eligible recipients the previous year. TEFAP commodities are allocated by a formula based on the state's poverty and unemployment levels. The total portion of commodities that each state receives is called the **entitlement.**

Entitlement is defined as the dollar value of the commodities to be distributed that year. Each of the commodity programs administered by Delaware has its own entitlement. The dollar value for commodities is based on market prices and the costs for transportation and preliminary food processing. Delaware's entitlements are then further allocated among the eligible agencies in each program, and a cash value level of assistance (entitlement) is established for each agency. The cash value of each allocation of entitlement commodities is deducted from the annual entitlement.

RAs are not required to take all commodities offered. Only those commodities that can be adequately stored and efficiently utilized within a year of receipt should be ordered.

Commodity Types

USDA entitlement commodities are divided into two main groups:

Group A – meats, poultry, fruits, and vegetables; and Group B – grains, dairy and peanut products, and oils.

Generally speaking, about 75% of Delaware's entitlement is used for Group A foods and the remaining 25% for Group B foods. However, not every agency is eligible to receive each group of foods.

Bonus foods are defined as those not charged to entitlement dollars. In other words, allocations of bonus foods do not reduce an agency's entitlement. Bonus foods can be either Group A or Group B foods and usually result when the USDA has an unexpected oversupply of a particular food. Each agency has the opportunity to refuse an offer of a food it cannot use.

Commodity Origination

The USDA buys commodities based on market conditions. They take into account the amounts of food in the marketplace, their prices, and the types of food available at a given time. Alternatively, agencies are required to supply feedback to the USDA in the form of inventories, surveys, and food preference reports so they can better weigh local needs and preferences.

Food preference reports are sent to most agencies each year so they can provide feedback to the State Distributing Agency. Agencies are asked to indicate their opinions regarding the acceptability, quality, and packaging of a variety of USDA commodities. This information is then forwarded to the USDA so they can continuously upgrade their program; it has resulted in many commodity improvements over the years.

The agencies are also asked to indicate the maximum amount of a commodity that they could use in a year. Schools and NSIP's may also be surveyed throughout the year about a particular commodity. Since entitlement dollars are limited, interest in and use of a commodity needs to be high enough to order it.

Allocating and Ordering Commodities

When the USDA offers a commodity to the State, the Food Distribution office bases its acceptance upon the food preference surveys and inventory results. The Food Distribution office also takes into account and plans for other expected commodities that agencies find desirable so there will be enough entitlement dollars remaining to order them. Once the Food Distribution office accepts the commodity from the USDA; the information is entered on the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Website. All agencies have online access to this system and can accept up to any amount allocated or refuse a part or all of the allocation through the system. Information available includes: the amount of the commodity for each location, estimated value, net weight, delivery months (if known), and whether it is entitlement or bonus commodity. A school district may also change one school's allocation to another school within a district. The agency should also indicate how much of the commodity it wants delivered during each of the offered months.

For detailed information on the Nutrition Website, please refer to the Nutrition Website User Manual.

All changes to orders must be made no later than five (preferably seven) business days prior to the scheduled delivery date.

Shipping tickets are then prepared for each location and loads are sorted and arranged into bills of lading. Shipping dates are assigned and agencies are notified annually of their shipping schedule.

Food Delivery

When a delivery is made to an agency, agencies are required to have personnel available to accept the delivery and to check and make sure that the quantities and foods delivered are the ones listed on the delivery ticket. Also, they should be available to check and see that all food is in good condition, and not spoiled or damaged. If any part of the delivery is in question, it should be rejected or conditionally accepted with the information noted on the delivery documents that are signed by both the receiver of the commodities and the delivery person.

All information relative to food orders and deliveries is available at all times on the Nutrition Website.

Program-Related Websites

Federal Food Commodities Program Nutrition Website

- http://usda.state.de.us (Note: Requires user ID and password)
- http://intranet.state.de.us/dss/food/index.shtml

USDA Commodity Programs Website

- www.fns.usda.gov/fdd
- This website has information about programs and commodity fact sheets.

American Commodity Distribution Association

http://www.commodityfoods.org

Food Safety and Inspection Service Website

- http://www.fsis.usda.gov
- This website provides food safety education and consumer information.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Website

- http://www.eeoc.gov
- This website provides laws, regulations and policy guidance.

SERVICE FEES AND BILLING

Although USDA food is free, with the exception of TEFAP agencies, which are subsidized by the government, each agency must pay service charges to cover the cost of storage and distribution. These fees are per case of food.

A late fee will be assessed if payment is not made within 30 days of billing. If payments are more than 60 days late, agencies will not be permitted to receive food until paid in full.

Additional fees may include inside delivery fees, minimum case fees, and processing charges for commodities that are reprocessed into end products by vendors contracted by the Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP). Because vendors must be paid within 30 days, processing charges are billed as soon as the FFCP is notified of the amount of product and when it will be received at the warehouse.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage Conditions

In order to guarantee its quality and safety, each agency is responsible for the careful storage and handling of donated food. Premature deterioration of commodities is often the result of haphazard storage conditions and practices. Although the USDA provides storage guidelines, each Agency should also be familiar with local codes since, in some cases, state and local health regulations may supersede the USDA regulations.

Temperature

To maintain product quality, food must be stored at the proper temperature. The Commodity Fact Sheet for each food specifies its proper storage temperature. Fact sheets are available from the USDA website, which can be accessed at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd, or by calling the Federal Food Commodities Program office at (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063.

Frozen and refrigerated food requires special attention. The temperature of freezers (and coolers) must be checked and recorded frequently. Power losses present particular problems, and temperatures need to be watched and noted to see that the quality and safety of frozen and/or refrigerated foods is maintained.

Air Circulation

Air circulation is important for frozen or chilled foods as well as for food held in dry storage. Commodities must be stacked on pallets or shelves with:

- At least four inches of wall and floor clearance; and
- Two feet of ceiling clearance.

Rotating Commodities

Certain standard storage practices will help maintain the quality in stored commodities. The practice known as First In, First Out (FIFO) refers to the order in which commodities are used. Food must be stored and rotated so that the cases with the oldest pack dates are in front and used first. All USDA commodities have the pack date or contract number on the cases. If cases are split, the can or containers should be marked individually with the pack date.

Stacking

The basic rules for stacking commodities are:

- ◆ Limit the height of the stack so that cases of foods on the bottom layers are not crushed.
- Cross-stack the cases of commodities to ensure that the stack will be steady and solid.
- Stack commodities away from sources of heat or steam.

Protection of Foods in Storage

Finally, here are a few common sense ways to protect USDA food and maintain it in good condition:

- ♦ Check food regularly for signs of deterioration. Inspect stored food supplies for torn sacks and broken cartons. If any are found, repackage the food that is still in good condition. If the food has deteriorated, it should be destroyed according to regulations.
- ♦ Maintain storage areas and freezers/coolers in a clean and orderly manner.
- ♦ Exterminate monthly, more often if necessary.
- Store food away from pesticides, cleaning supplies, and paper products.
- Store food to prevent theft.

Storage Guide for USDA Donated Foods

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		Net	Gross					
		Wt.	Wt.	Utilization				
Commodity	Pack	Lbs.	Lbs.	Period	Type of Storage			
Meats, Poultry & Fish	Monte Poultry & Eigh							
Beef, Frozen Ground	36#	36	39	School Year	Zero or below			
Beef, Frozen VPP	36#	36	39	School Year	Zero or below			
Beef, Patties	36#	36	39	4 months	Zero or below			
Beef, Patties VPP	36#	36	39	4 months	Zero or below			
Beef, Canned	24/29 oz	43.5	52	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Chicken, Breaded	30#	30	33	School Year	Zero or below			
Chicken Cutup	40#	40	42.5	School Year	Zero or below			
Chicken Nuggets	40#	40	43.5	School Year	Zero or below			
Fish Nuggets	40#	40	42.25	School Year	Zero or below			
Hams, Cooked	40#	40	45	6 to 8 months	Zero or below			
Pork, Canned	24/29 oz	43.5	52	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Pork, Frozen	36#	36	39	School Year	Zero or below			
Salmon	48/15.5 oz	46.5	57	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Tuna	6/66.5 oz	25	30	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Turkey, Frozen	40#	40	43	School Year	Zero or below			
Turkey, Roasts	40#	40	46.75	School Year	Zero or below			
Fruits	10"	40	44		000 5 4 050 5 5 4			
Apples, Fresh	40#	40	41	1 to 2 weeks	33° F to 35° F Preferred			
Apple Juice, Canned	12/#3	37.7	44	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F			
Apple Slices	6/#10	39	45 46.5	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Applesauce, Canned	6/#10	40.5	46.5	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Apricots, Canned	6/#10	40.5	46.5 32	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F Zero or below			
Blueberries, Frozen	30#	30	32 32	School Year	Zero or below Zero or below			
Cherries, Frozen Date Pieces	30# 30#	30 30	32 31	School Year School Year	33° F to 35° F Preferred			
	30#	30	31.5	School Year	33° F to 35° F Preferred			
Figs Mixed Fruits	6/#10	40	46	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F			
Peaches, Canned	6/#10	40	46	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Pears, Canned	6/#10	40	46	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Pears, Fresh	45#	45	48.5	1 to 2 weeks	33° F to 35° F Preferred			
Pineapple, Canned	6/#10	41.4	47	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F			
Grape Juice, Canned	12/46 oz	38.6	44	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Plums, Canned	6/#10	41.4	48	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F			
Raisins	30#	30	31	School Year	33° F to 35° F Preferred			
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Dairy								
Butter	36/1#	36	37	3 months	Zero or below			
Cheese, Cheddar	40#	40	44	3 months	Zero or below			
Cheese, Mozzarella	40-50#	40-50	42-52	3 months	Zero or below			
Cheese, Processed	6/5#	30	52	3 months	35° F to 45° F			
Dry Milk	50#	50	51	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F			

		Net	Gross		
		Wt.	Wt.	Utilization	
Commodity	Pack	Lbs.	Lbs.	Period	Type of Storage
Vegetables					
Beans, Green Canned	6/#10	38	46	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Beans, Green Frozen	30#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Beans, Vegetarian	6/#10	40.5	48	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Corn, Canned	6/#10	39.75	47	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Corn, Frozen	30#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Peas, Green Canned	6/#10	40	47	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Peas, Green Frozen	30#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Potatoes, Dehydrated	6/5#	30	32	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Potatoes, French Fries	6/5#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Potatoes, Rounds	6/5#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Potatoes, Sweet	6/10#	38.25	47.5	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Tomatoes, Canned	6/10#	38.25	45	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Tomatoes, Crushed	6/#10	38.75	45.5	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Tomato Paste	6/#10	41.6	47	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Mixed Vegetables,	30#	30	32	School Year	Zero or below
Frozen					
Grains and Oils					
Corn Meal	5/10#	50	51	3 months	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Flour, All Purpose	50#	50	51	3 months	Grain products are subject
Flour, All Purpose	2/25#	50	51	3 months	to deterioration or damage
Flour, Whole Wheat	50#	50	51	3 months	from moisture, heat,
Macaroni	20#	20	21	3 months	infestation and absorption
Macaroni (Rotini)	20#	20	21	3 months	from other products. Store
, ,					in cool, dry place.
Oil, Vegetable	6/1 Gal.	46.2	54	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Rolled Oats	12/3#	36	37	3 months	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Rolled Wheat	5/10#	50	51	3 months	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Shortening, Liq. Veg.	6/1 Gal.	46.2	54	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Shortening, Vegetable	12/3#	36	42	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F
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Other			<u> </u>		1 0 - 0
Walnuts	30#	30	32	School Year	32° F to 35° F preferred
Honey	6/5#	30	36	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F
Peanut Butter	6/#10	41.25	46	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70 ⁰ F
Peanut Granules	6/#10	21	26.5	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F
Peanuts, Roasted	6/#10	24	29.6	School Year	Cool & dry; below 70° F

FOOD ALERTS

Despite careful inspection and numerous quality controls, potentially unhealthy foods sometimes find their way into the market and USDA warehouses. A food alert is called when tainted or dangerous foods are discovered. It is serious business. Full cooperation is expected by authorities at all levels – federal, state, and local – to identify and hold suspected food. Food alert information is generally disseminated as follows:

- 1) The USDA Regional Office is notified of a food alert.
- 2) The USDA Regional Office notifies Delaware's Federal Food Commodities Program.
- 3) The Federal Food Commodities Program, in turn, notifies the Agencies not to use a specific commodity until further notice. A network of State Distributing Agency Emergency Coordinators makes sure that all Agencies are alerted immediately about the potentially dangerous food.
- 4) When the food alert is over and commodities can be released, the USDA Regional Office notifies the Federal Food Commodities Program in writing.

PRODUCT COMPLAINT GUIDELINES

The Department makes every effort to ensure that commodities provided through the Food Distribution Program are nutritious and of the highest quality. However, as in the food business, recipients may encounter a few problems such as foreign matter in canned green beans or inferior spaghetti packaging. This is known as "out-of-condition" foods. When this happens, recipients may file a complaint directly with the State of Delaware, Food Distribution Program.

Out-of-condition foods fall into two categories – dangerous and non-threatening. These guidelines address what action an Agency should take right away.

♦ **Dangerous:** When conditions present a health hazard to food stored nearby – exploding cans and infestation of grain products, for example – the Agency may destroy the food after an authorized federal, state or local inspector has confirmed the problem.

Dangerous out-of-condition food must be disposed of in accordance with state and local laws and USDA regulations. The Federal Food Commodities Program must be notified in writing within 30 days.

When foreign matter such as metal or glass is found, there is potential for widespread injury. Agencies must report such food immediately to the Federal Food Commodities Program.

♦ Non-threatening: When conditions do not present a health hazard – broken bags of food, for example – the Agency should segregate the food until it can be inspected by the USDA or the local health department and a decision is made about how to handle it.

Agencies are required to file a written complaint regarding "out-of-condition" foods to the Federal Food Commodities Program using the **Product Complaint Form.** The following information should be included:

- ♦ Name and code number of the commodity (e.g., A358110C003)
- Number of cases or bags on hand
- ♦ Nature of the complaint
- ♦ How the loss occurred

In general, if an agency is seeking a replacement, keep the product until you have been notified by the Federal Food Commodities Program as to what to do with it.

For food losses under \$100 per incident, the food may be disposed of. Once the Product Complaint Form has been filed, the inventory will be adjusted.

For **TEFAP** agencies, there are also more detailed forms available for completion:

- Loss of USDA Donated Foods Form: Loss by Fire
- Loss of USDA Donated Foods Form: Loss by Infestation/Spoilage/Contamination
- Loss of USDA Donated Foods Form: Loss by Refrigerator/Freezer Failure
- Loss of USDA Donated Foods Form: Loss by Theft

Once the Product Complaint Form has been filed, the Federal Food Commodities Program will handle it as follows:

Dangerous

- All issues of this nature will be resolved immediately.
- The Federal Food Commodities Program will confirm the problem by visiting the recipient agency registering the complaint or by checking other food of the same product, lot number and date that remains in the warehouse.
- Depending on the result, the Federal Food Commodities Program will advise the recipient agency as to how to handle the product(s) in question (e.g., throw out, use, return).
- The Federal Food Commodities Program will determine the extent of the issue as it relates to other recipient agencies that may have received the same product and advise them immediately by phone as to how to handle the product in question; all agencies will be advised to handle the product in question in the same manner.
- For food losses under \$100 per incident, the inventory will be adjusted without product inspection.

Non-threatening

- For food losses under \$100 per incident, the inventory will be adjusted without product inspection.
- For food losses over \$100 per incident, the Federal Food Commodities Program will send a representative to review the situation with the recipient agency in person within 5 working days of receipt of the complaint and to handle the following:
 - o Resolve any issues or concerns with the recipient agency.
 - o Determine liability.
 - o Adjust the inventory accordingly.

If for any reason you require additional information, recipient agencies may also contact the USDA as follows:

- 1. Commodity Complaint Hotline 1-800-446-6991
- 2. Email: USDA-FNS-CommodityComplaints@FNS.USDA.GOV
- 3. Fax (703) 305-1410 or (703) 305-2420, or
- 4. Regular mail: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Food Distribution Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

You should provide the following information:

- A description of the problem
- Date the product was received
- Location of the product
- How much product is involved
- Contract number (may be stenciled on the outer carton)
- Notice to deliver number (ND)
- Delivery order number (D/O)

The ND and D/O may be on the paperwork you received with the commodity, or you can contact your State agency or warehouse to obtain it. If you can only get one of these numbers, the D/O is the most helpful. USDA needs the D/O to determine which vendor produced the product and resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the recipient. It will look like this:

A358110C003 B037156D006

The D/O provides a lot of information. It breaks down as follows:

- A358 and B037 are commodity codes. Each commodity has its own commodity code.
 For example, A358 is a unique code that USDA uses to identify apricots, sliced and frozen, and shipped in 20-pound boxes.
- The next three digits (110 and 156 in our examples) indicate the State. The 110 indicates Delaware and the 156 in the second D/O indicates that the shipment went to Wyoming. Each State has a different number. Indian Tribal Organizations or other agencies within a State may also have different numbers.
- The letter (C or D) designates the year the product was shipped.
- The last three numbers indicate the specific delivery to your State.

If you are seeking a replacement, you should keep the product until you have been notified what to do with it.

Disposal of Out-of-Condition Foods

Agencies should dispose of out-of-condition foods by obliterating the labels from cartons and adulterating the food so that it will not mistakenly be used. The USDA recommends pouring bleach on contaminated foods.

CLAIM DETERMINATIONS

While some food losses are unavoidable, some are the result of improper storage and handling. Agencies may be held responsible for food losses that could have been avoided with proper management. If negligence is determined, the following claim actions may result.

- ♦ Entitlement Foods At the discretion of the Federal Food Commodities Program, an Agency may replace entitlement foods with like or similar items; or, an Agency may be required to pay for the value of the lost food.
- ♦ Bonus Foods Losses of Bonus food must be repaid in cash to the Federal Food Commodities Program, which returns the money to the USDA.

Responsibilities for Claims Actions

Party			Party		
Responsible for Loss	Lost Foods	Value	Responsible for Collection	Time Limit	Claim Action
Any Entity	Value less than	\$100	FFCP	None	As determined by FFCP
FDS	Value exceeds	\$250	FNSRO	None	FFCP shall transmit claim determination to FNSRO fully documented as to facts and findings
Any Entity	Value exceeds but does not exceed	\$100 \$2,500	FFCP	Upon Receipt	FFCP shall take claim action.
Any Entity	Value exceeds but does not exceed	\$2,500 \$50,000	FFCP, FNSRO	Within 30 days	FFCP shall transmit claims determination documented as to facts and findings. FNSRO shall make the final review of claim determination.
Any Entity	Value exceeds	\$50,000	Program division, FNSRO	30 days	Claims over \$50,000 are transmitted to the Food Distribution Division with FNSRO proposal for or against the claim. Program division shall make final determination with concurrence of FNSRO.
Consignee Vendor	Transit claims	Any value	FNSRO	30 days	FNSRO makes all claim determinations.

Legend

FFCP – Federal Food Commodities Program (State of Delaware)

FNSRO - Food and Nutrition Service, Regional Office, USDA

Entities – FDS, Sponsor, Warehouse, Food Processor, Distributor

INVENTORY RECORDS

Inventory Recordkeeping

Child Nutrition Agencies

Agencies must maintain accurate records about USDA commodities, including complete inventories. Good inventory procedures are closely related to menu planning, timely ordering of foods, and prevention of waste by careful supervision of stored commodities.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture offered States the opportunity to use a single inventory record keeping system for the Child Nutrition programs beginning with the school year 2001-02. This is in conjunction with a USDA initiative to allow vendors to use commercial labels rather than USDA labels on commodities. This was piloted in 1996 in the household programs and is being expanded into Child Nutrition (CN) programs since the practice has demonstrated a cost savings.

With the loss of visual identification of commodities, it will be difficult for schools and other CN outlets to inventory commodity products separate from purchased products. Therefore, this method became effective with the 2001-02 school years.

For those districts that prefer to keep the inventories separate, they may still maintain two inventories for their own purposes; however, for financial reporting purposes, those districts will need to combine the value of both commodities and purchased products for USDA reporting.

The method used to determine the value of the commodities is made by the Federal Food Commodities Program. It is calculated as follows:

Commodity file value per case

- + Service fee per case
- + Processing fee per case (if applicable)
- = Total Commodity Value

These individual values plus the total value of each product are now printed on the shipping tickets that you receive at each delivery location.

Each School Food Authority (SFA) will determine what basis they will use to value their inventory. The different situations for inventory valuation are explained in the guidelines that follow.

TEFAP Agencies

Regulations require that all recipient agencies, including those participating in TEFAP, annually "take a physical inventory" which "shall be reconciled annually with the storage facility's inventory records and maintained on file..." (section 250.14(e). Further, regulations require that records be maintained "to document the receipt, disposal, and inventory of commodities received...." The following guidance applies both to organizations that prepare meals and to

those that distribute to households. They **do not** apply to organizations such as food banks, which distribute food to other organizations (e.g., soup kitchens or food pantries) rather than directly serving participants. Those organizations must continue to account for the quantity of each product they distribute to each organization.

The following are minimum inventory procedures required:

• The site maintains an ongoing record of TEFAP foods as they are received, taken out of inventory for program use, and lost to the program through damage or other cause;

OR

- The site staff takes a "physical inventory" that is, an actual count of all foods in inventory at the end of each inventory period. The physical inventory should be taken weekly, unless a site withdraws food from inventory less frequently. For sites that conduct mass distributions monthly or quarterly, for example, the inventory period should be lengthened to match the distribution schedule. If a site withdraws commodities from inventory on an ongoing basis and handles a larger volume of USDA commodities, it would be more appropriate to conduct the physical inventory at the end of each day during which the site operates.
- The site must subtract the ending inventory and any damaged foods from the beginning inventory for the period. This leaves foods used in the program during the period. For example, at the beginning of the week, 35 cases of orange juice were on hand. During the week, a case of orange juice is discovered in which all of the cans are leaking. At the end of the week, the site counts two cases of usable orange juice, plus the damaged case. It records program use of 32 cases of orange juice. It also records the one case that cannot be used in the program. The beginning inventory of usable product for the following week is two cases. (This method may work best for the smallest food pantries, which maintain very limited inventories, and for mass distribution sites, which distribute food infrequently.)

TEFAP umbrella organizations, such as food banks that deal with food pantries and soup kitchens, are required to provide the training and oversight necessary to ensure that adequate inventory controls and security are in place at the site level.

Report Guidelines

Establishing Inventory Value

For financial reporting purposes, each School Food Authority (SFA) should determine how it will establish inventory value. Any of the following methods can be used.

- Purchased inventory for which there is no commodity equivalent
- Commodity product for which there is no equivalent commercial product purchased
- Inventory of foods that are both purchased and provided as commodities
- Last Purchase Price
- Lowest/Highest Purchase Price
- Commodity Value (from State Distributing Agency)
- Blended Rate

Taking Title

- Commodities become SFA's property when delivered
- May use across programs as long as income accrues to school food service
- May be used in disaster feeding; will receive commodity entitlement credit

Commodity Inventory and Records

- Proper storage and handling procedures must still be used
- Mark commodities with incoming dates
- Use oldest products first first in/first out (FIFO)
- No longer have to keep separate inventory
- No longer have to store separately from purchased foods
- No more semi-annual inventory reports to commodity office
- Do not have to report transfers between SFAs
- No on-site inventory reviews by commodity agency
- All commodity order and delivery information should still be kept for **four** years

Commodity Losses

- Use same procedures as for purchased foods
- Misuse of products purchased or supplied with Federal funds is subject to Federal criminal prosecution

All documentation related to this program, e.g., order and delivery forms, inventory records, and eligibility and issuance documents must be maintained for a period of **four** years.

Applicant Eligibility Determinations

Non-TEFAP Agencies

Schools, Nutrition Programs for the Elderly and Disaster Organizations can distribute food only to recipients eligible to receive them (needy persons, children, participants in nutrition programs for the elderly, disaster victims). If there are people such as teachers, disaster relief workers and staff members, who share common preparation, serving or dining facilities with eligible participants and those people are common beneficiaries with the eligible participants or are few in number compared to the eligible participants and receive their meals as an incident of their service to eligible participants, then they can receive donated foods as well.

TEFAP Agencies

TEFAP foods can be used in two ways. They can be used to prepare meals that are served to a group. For example, a Salvation Army soup kitchen might use TEFAP foods in the meals it cooks and serves to participants (prepared meals). Program foods can also be given to eligible participants who then take them home for use by their families (household distribution). This is how food pantries use TEFAP foods.

Eligibility for household distribution:

- Recipients must reside in the State of Delaware at the time of application. The site
 <u>cannot</u> require households to have lived in the area for a specified period of time before
 they apply for TEFAP.
- If a single site both distributes food for home use and serves meals, it must conduct income eligibility determinations only for households receiving food to take home.
- Individual eligibility information must be gathered for household distribution. Regulations require that the FFCP establish "income-based standards and the methods by which households may demonstrate eligibility under such standards..." In Delaware, eligibility can be determined by income standards or by participation in one or more other local, State, or Federal means-tested programs, such as Food Stamps, General Assistance, Medicaid and SSI. Participation in another program need not be independently verified. For example, since participants in the Food Stamp Program are automatically eligible for TEFAP, applicants can say that their household gets food stamps; they do not have to show a letter or other document to prove it.

 Regulations do not require that applicant households provide independent verification of income, for example, pay stubs.

2007-08 income eligibility (185% of poverty level) guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$ 18,889	\$1,575	\$ 364
2	\$ 25,327	\$2,111	\$488
3	\$31,765	\$2,648	\$611
4	\$38,203	\$3,184	\$735
5	\$44,641	\$ 3,721	\$859
6	\$51,079	\$4,257	\$983
7	\$57,517	\$4,794	\$1,107
8	\$63,955	\$5,330	\$1,230
For each additional			
family member add:	+ \$ 6,438	+ \$537	+ \$124

Eligibility Record Keeping

Non-TEFAP Agencies

All Recipient Agencies are required to keep accurate and complete records showing the data and method used to determine the number of eligible persons served by that agency. These records should be kept for three years from the close of the fiscal year to which they pertain.

TEFAP Agencies

Regulations require that the distribution site collect "the name of the household member receiving the commodities, the address of the household (to the extent practicable – homeless persons may not be able to provide an address, but are still eligible if they meet the eligibility standards), the number of persons in the household, and the basis for determining that the household is eligible. . . ."

A form has been attached for use in determining eligibility to receive food for home use. Your site may be using another form that you use for TEFAP food as well as other donated food. It is now required to use the form that we have attached. The form should contain: the applicant's name, the number of persons in the household, and if practicable, the applicant's address; the box checked next to the program that makes the applicant eligible (after reviewing the income guidelines or means-tested programs listed); and, the applicant's signature and date the form has been completed. By signing, the applicant is **certifying** that his/her household is eligible by income and/or means-tested program, and that they live in Delaware.

- These completed forms should be retained by the distribution site for 4 years.
- For subsequent visits to a site that conducts household distribution, households are only required to sign a listing or log book documenting that they received TEFAP commodities. This should be completed for each visit to that site.

Commodity Issuance Record Keeping

TEFAP Agencies

Sites that conduct household distribution must keep a record, for each day on which they distribute food, of the names of all households that receive food. Site staff can meet this requirement by writing down the name of the household or placing a mark next to the household's name on a pre-printed list of eligible households.

It is **not necessary** to record the specific food distributed **to each individual household** – for example, two cans of green beans, two boxes of corn flakes, etc.

Ordering Procedures

Non-TEFAP Agencies

For non-TEFAP agencies, allocations are made based on the number of meals served to eligible participants the previous year. All ordering is done by the recipient agency online directly through the FFCP Nutrition Website. Orders can be made or changed up to five business days prior to the scheduled delivery date.

TEFAP Agencies

For TEFAP agencies, allocations are made based on an agency's average number of clients. When the Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP) receives products, they are allocated to all the agencies in the program based on the agency's percentage of participation of the State's total. This will be done when the product is received at the FFCP warehouse.

The FFCP receives a dollar entitlement figure based on Delaware's low income and unemployment statistics. The FFCP can order foods offered for this program quarterly from the USDA up to the value of the entitlement. Delaware's entitlement figure is low, so mostly staples are ordered such as canned fruits, vegetables, cereals, etc. When meat products are offered, the FFCP tries to acquire them if there is still enough entitlement to cover the cost. The FFCP sometimes also receives "bonus" foods, which are foods purchased by the USDA to relieve agricultural markets. These are over and above the entitlement. In the past, some good bonus products have been received; including meats, but this is only when the USDA can purchase them for market relief.

The FFCP occasionally gets fresh produce, such as apples or potatoes. These will be delivered to recipient agencies all at one time and within a few days of receipt in our warehouse; do not accept any more than you can use in a short period of time since these products are highly perishable.

All ordering is done by the recipient agency online directly through the FFCP Nutrition Website. Orders can be made or changed up to five business days prior to the scheduled delivery date.

Descriptions and nutritional value of most of the commodities are on the USDA website, which can be accessed at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd. Click on The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and you will then be able to click on the Commodity Fact Sheets for that program. (If you do not have access to the internet, please call the FFCP and we will print off copies of whatever Commodity Fact Sheets you need.)

AGREEMENTS

A signed agreement is required before any agency can receive USDA commodities. By signing, the agency accepts certain responsibilities. Highlights of the agreement include: accountability through careful record keeping; support of Civil Rights legislation; proper storage, disposition and use of USDA donated food; and acceptance of penalties for the improper use of commodities.

Food Management Companies

An agency may use a food management company to handle its food service program; however, a copy of the contract with that company must be included with the agreement. That contract must include these statements:

- (1) Any donated foods received by the agency and made available to the food service management company shall be used only for the benefit of the agency's feeding operation and shall be utilized therein; and
- (2) The books and records of the food service management company pertaining to the feeding operation of the agency shall be available for a period of three years, from the close of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain, for inspection and audit by representatives of the distributing agency, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and of the General Accounting Office, at any reasonable time and place.

DISASTER FEEDING

Disasters are defined as natural events (hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, floods, high water, wind-driven water, tidal waves, earthquakes, drought, and fires) or man-made events (explosions, fires, riots, nuclear and chemical contamination). At these times, the USDA makes donated food available to disaster victims, usually through relief organizations such as the American Red Cross or Salvation Army, which prepare and serve meals from central locations. In some cases, food is given directly to households.

The Secretary of Agriculture is responsible for ensuring that adequate stocks of food are available for group feeding or household distribution in any area suffering from a major disaster or emergency. During a disaster, food that has been purchased by the USDA for use in the state's food programs is made available to disaster organizations in that state. Food that is stored in school or state warehouses can be used immediately. The USDA will replace this food. During disasters, the USDA field staff is also on hand to help carry out emergency relief measures.

COMMODITIES IN SCHOOLS

Use Of Commodities In Courses/Classes

Donated commodities may be used in teaching home economics, nutrition, food preparation, child care, health related activities, and in Nutrition Education and Training (NET) Program projects for training students (CFR Part 250.48(g)).

Any Group B or bonus commodity which the RA receives in conjunction with the non-profit school lunch program may be used for such training purposes. However, these commodities will not be replaced as entitlement commodities or allocated on NSLP participation. School food authorities should determine whether the commodities and quantities requested for training purposes will negatively affect the needs of the lunch program. The products containing commodities used for training may not be sold and must be used either in the classes or the NSLP or SBP. Records of the kinds of quantities of commodities used for training purposes are to be maintained.

Sale Of Commodities In Schools

Commodities are made available for the number of reimbursable meals served to children and should be used for the purpose of providing the components of those meals. Participating schools may sell donated commodities in their a la carte food service in the donated form or in processed or repackaged form. Commodities may be used for preparing food items for a la carte sales, as long as these same commodities or prepared items are served at some time during the year as a required component or side dish of the reimbursable meal.

Bonus commodities may be fully utilized in the food service program regardless of whether or not they are used as a component or side dish of the reimbursable meal. Funds derived from a la carte sales of items using any donated commodities must accrue to the nonprofit food service account.

Using the above information as a reference, sample questions and answers regarding the use and sale of donated foods follow:

- **Q.** Can a school repackage and sell commodity raisins in the a la carte sales line?
- **A.** Yes, this is an appropriate use of commodities.
- **Q.** Can a school sell sweet rolls made with bonus flour in the teachers' lounge?
- **A.** No, this is not a meal service activity covered under the nonprofit school food service account.
- **Q.** Can a school use commodities to prepare banquets for school or non-school functions, such as banquets for a school's athletic team, cheerleaders, honor society, PTA, Chamber of Commerce, political rallies, etc.?
- **A.** No, these activities are not covered under the nonprofit school food service account.

FOOD PROCESSING

Many USDA commodities are more easily used in processed or prepackaged form. Food processing can take place at a number of stages. The USDA customarily processes certain foods <u>before</u> they are offered to states to allocate and distribute. For example, wheat is ground into flour, some of which is then made into varieties of pasta. Fresh fruits and vegetables are canned or frozen. Cheeses are produced from dairy products. These foods, to name a few, are packaged in standard sizes and shipped into the states. The USDA contracts and pays for this initial commercial processing.

State Contracted Processing – The Federal Food Commodities Program enters into contracts with various food processors to process certain commodities into more usable end products. Commodities are shipped into the processors for Delaware directly from USDA. There are two methods by which these products are made available to the RAs: direct sale to the agencies with a refund given for the value of the commodity (e.g., pizza); or fee-for-service, with delivery of the product made to the FFCP warehouse, which is then distributed to the agencies.

In the direct sale/refund method, the recipient agency submits a refund application to the processor within 30 days after the end of the month of purchase. A copy of the refund application goes to the Federal Food Commodities Program office. Within 10 days of receipt of the refund application, the processor is responsible for verifying the purchases with the RA and issuing a check equal to the value of the USDA donated foods contained in the products listed on the application.

A fee-for-service is the food processor's actual cost to produce a unit of processed food. It represents the cost of ingredients other than USDA commodities, labor, packaging, overhead, and any other costs incurred to convert donated food into processed food, plus profit. The RA pays a net price based on a per pound or per case charge for the processed food. This method is used primarily for processing USDA commodities such as meat and poultry. The Federal Food Commodities Program is billed the entire fee-for-service and the product is delivered to our warehouse. The FFCP then bills each RA the fee-for-service for their share of the processed food. Because the processor must be paid within 30 days, the RAs will be billed for and will pay this fee before they actually receive the food.

ON-GOING COMMUNICATION

Read every letter or memo from the Federal Food Commodities Program when it arrives and if possible, act on it immediately. It is often time sensitive. In many cases, the information requested is simple and straightforward and can be dealt with in minutes. Be sure to order USDA Commodities on the Nutrition Web Site by the required date. This is essential for you to be able to receive your monthly food order.

All paperwork regarding the distribution of USDA food in Delaware must be kept for a period of three years beyond the current year.

There are various business aspects that are conveyed to recipient agencies on an ongoing basis to ensure they remain current on all issues related to the Delaware USDA Federal Food Commodities Program. Accordingly, the following outlines common customer communications.

Regulatory Updates

- On a monthly basis, all appropriate communications from the USDA will be forwarded to recipient agencies. This information will be received by one of the following methods, as appropriate:
 - o Direct Mail
 - o EMail
 - OR
 - o Facsimile

Handbooks

- On an annual basis, the Food Distribution Program Handbook will be updated with current information.
- Once the Handbooks are updated, they will be distributed to recipient agencies.
 This will be accomplished in any one of the following manners:
 - o Direct Mail
 - o EMail to all agencies

OR

 Posting on the Food Distribution section of the Government Support Services website

www.state.de.us/dss

Processor Surveys

- On an **annual basis**, Processor surveys are conducted. They are to be completed by the end of October each year to ensure that appropriate contracts and product requests are in place for the year. In addition, these surveys may also be conducted by special request.
- On an annual basis, survey results are to be compiled and forwarded to all recipient agencies.

Customer Surveys

- New Product Surveys
 - These surveys are to be conducted on an as needed basis when new products are offered to recipient agencies. All surveys should be conducted within 5 days of receipt of new product information so that results can be incorporated into the ordering process.
- Food Tasting
 - On an **as needed basis**, food tasting will be organized. Results will then be incorporated into the ordering process.

- Customer Satisfaction Surveys
 - On an annual basis, Customer Satisfaction Surveys are conducted in June of each year. These surveys are designed to monitor the overall relationship between the distributing agency and the recipient agencies, to surface any issues that may not have otherwise been noted, to understand patterns and trends, and to ensure that internal processes are constantly updated to effectively manage the overall program and individual customer relationships.
 - Survey results will be compiled and reviewed against the previous five year's results to better understand patterns and trends, and then used to upgrade internal processes accordingly.

New Customer Education

- When a new recipient agency or processor is approved, basic in-person training should be offered to all involved organizational personnel. Training should include the following:
 - Food Program background and history
 - o USDA regulations and requirements
 - o Food Program operating requirements
 - Nutrition Website use and guidelines
 - Reporting and recordkeeping
 - Food processing guidelines
 - Storage and handling of food
 - o Inventory requirements
 - Delivery procedures
 - o Customer claims/complaint processes
 - Customer service contacts

Existing Customer Education

- Existing customers should receive ongoing training and education when:
 - o Regulations change
 - o Food Program processes change
 - o Organizational personnel changes
 - o A problem or issue is detected during annual audits or reviews
 - A customer service issue exists
 - Food processor information changes
 - o Food processing options change. (Must notify **annually**)

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Compliance Requirements

In order to receive USDA donated foods, each agency must complete an agreement. By signing this contract with the State of Delaware, every agency agrees to comply with the Civil Rights and reporting requirements governing the Federal Food Commodities Program.

The agreements vary, depending on whether a recipient agency is authorized under the National School Lunch Program or under another program.

If contact or other material information for a recipient agency changes during the year, the FFCP must be notified immediately.

Civil Rights Requirements

To meet the Civil Rights requirements set by the Civil Rights Law of 1964 and its subsequent amendments, each participating agency is required to sign a written pledge that its program and facility will be operated in compliance with the Civil Rights laws. **Refer to Civil Rights Compliance Review form attached.**

Nondiscrimination Assurances

All printed materials must include this benefit/services statement:

"Rules for acceptance in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap."

Programs which are chartered as "rehabilitative", etc...for one gender may note this fact on any brochures; however, the benefit/services statement above may not be changed.

A nondiscrimination poster developed by the USDA (available from the Federal Food Commodities Program) and entitled ".....And Justice for All" must be prominently displayed.

Every agency must annually inform its public of the availability of USDA food. Each announcement must contain the benefits/services statement quoted above and an assurance of nondiscrimination which states that the program and facility are being operated in compliance with Civil Rights laws. For example, a charitable institution such as a religious affiliated soup kitchen might inform social service agencies and church members through the use of church bulletins and other announcements. Upon request, any agency must make public the information about Civil Rights requirements and the procedures for filing a complaint.

In geographical areas where most people do not speak English, translations of Civil Rights policies are required.

Filing Complaints

A written or verbal complaint must be forwarded to the Federal Food Commodities Program or to the Supervisor of School Food Services, Department of Education (for NSLP participants, including summer feeding programs). The complaint must include enough information for the appropriate government agency to determine the identity of the agency and/or individual against whom the complaint is directed. It must also indicate any possibility of a Civil Rights violation. Anonymous complaints are to be handled like any other complaint. All complaints must be filed within 180 days of their occurrence.

In the event that a complainant makes a verbal allegation and will not put the complaint in writing, the person to whom the allegations are made must write up the complaint. Every effort should be made to have the complainant provide the following information:

- Name, address, telephone number, or other means of contacting the complainant.
- ♦ Specific location and name of the agency.
- ♦ Nature of the incident(s) or action(s) that led the complainant to believe that discrimination was a factor.
- ♦ Basis on which the complainant believes that discrimination exists; that is, race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.
- ♦ Names, titles, and addresses of persons who may have knowledge of the alleged discriminatory action(s).
- ◆ Date(s) during which the alleged discriminatory action(s) occurred, or if still persisting, the duration of such action(s).

Data Collection

Each agency must observe and determine the statistical breakdown (by race, gender, disability, and national origin) of the people it serves. This information is collected annually and filed with the annual agreement. The data collection form must be kept for three years after the fiscal year to which it applies.

The School Food Service Office of the Department of Education is responsible for the agencies authorized under the Child Nutrition Programs. Consequently, school, residential child care agencies, and summer feeding programs should contact (302)739-4717 for more information about Civil Rights data collection.

By federal definition, a charitable institution is organized for philanthropic or public welfare purposes. However, an institution may deny an individual admission for reasons other than full capacity. In those cases, a notation citing race, gender, disability, or national origin and condition for denial should be made on the annual breakdown sheet.

Reporting Requirements

Agencies distributing USDA donated food must prepare a number of reports, forms, and inventories to comply with federal regulations. All requests for information are sent with a cover letter which explains exactly what needs to be done and when.

Agency Reviews

Periodically, each agency will be subject to a compliance review. A representative from the Federal Food Commodities Program will make an on-site visit to determine whether or not an agency is complying with federal regulations. Review highlights are as follows:

- 1. Verify that written contract exists and that all information is current.
- 2. Verify that the Delaware Department of Education or the Federal Nutrition Service Regional Office (FNSRO) has determined eligibility of food donees for Schools, Summer Food Service Programs and Child Care Food Programs.
- 3. Monitor performance reports.
- 4. Monitor food requests.
- 5. Monitor participation data.
- 6. Monitor data regarding refunds and discounts for end products.
- 7. Verify that agencies buy only products produced in the U.S.
- 8. Verify compliance with civil rights provisions.
- 9. Review of all complaints.
- 10. Review and analysis of reports submitted.
- 11. Review of storage facilities.
 - a. Ensure that storage facility is free from rodent, bird, insect and other animal infestation.
 - b. Ensure that RAs have adequate handling and storage facilities for food ordered.
 - c. Verify that food is safeguarded against theft, spoilage or other loss.
 - d. Verify that foods are maintained at proper storage temperatures.
 - e. Verify that foods are stocked and spaced so that USDA foods are readily identified.
 - f. Verify that donated food is stored off the floor to allow for adequate ventilation.
 - g. Ensure that all required Federal, State and local health inspections and approvals are obtained.
- 12. Ensure that agencies take a physical inventory annually and reconcile it with inventory records.
- 13. Ensure that accurate and complete records are maintained.
 - a. Receipt, distribution/use and inventory of donated foods.
 - b. Receipt, distribution/use and inventory of end products processed from donated foods.
 - c. Funds that arise from the operation of the program.
 - d. Refunds made by processors.
 - e. Amounts and value of commodities refused by schools

Civil Rights Compliance Review

A **Civil Right Compliance Review** is completed for each agency. The form varies depending on the type of agency; however, generally speaking, it addresses admissions and operating policies, recruiting practices, fees and pricing, and public notices. Child nutrition programs should call (302) 739-4717 for information; other agencies, (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063.

Food Distribution Program Review

Each recipient agency is expected to meet specific criteria in order to participate in the Federal Food Commodities Program. During the on-site visit, the state representative will complete a **Food Distribution Program Review**. This checklist of requirements makes sure that certain conditions are met in three broad areas:

- ♦ There must be a current agreement between the state and the agency, signed by an appropriate official. Contracts between recipient agencies and food management companies are reviewed to make sure they are in order.
- ♦ The recipient agency must meet strict standards for handling and storing food, including proper temperature control, air circulation, stacking, food usage and cleanliness. (Review the "Storage and Handling" section.) The state representative also scrutinizes the disposition of out-of-condition foods and the way that food losses, if any, were handled. They must comply with federal regulations.
- ♦ Each agency must keep up-to-date and complete records concerning the distribution of USDA food. The state representative makes sure that accurate inventories of food on hand are maintained, that food receipts and other documentation are in order, and that the agency is keeping records for the required period. The state representative will examine the inventory.
- **♦** Refer to attached Field Review Report.

FORMS

On the following pages are samples of many forms that are used by the Federal Food Commodities Program to administer the USDA Food Program. Not all forms are used by all agencies. Some of these forms can be duplicated for your use (e.g., loss forms, transfer forms, perpetual inventories).

In addition to these forms, there are annual agreements, Civil Rights Assurances, Food Preference Reports and school lunch data. To save space, they have not been included in this manual.

GLOSSARY

AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

ASCS: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service

Agreement: Contract between State of Delaware and a recipient agency. The RA agrees to abide by USDA regulations and policies before receiving donated food.

Allocation: An offering of commodities (donated foods) to a recipient agency.

Arrival Date: Date a shipment of donated food arrives at the State warehouse.

Bonus Food: Food not charged to entitlement funds. Group A or Group B foods can be declared bonus by the USDA.

Child Nutrition (CN): Refers collectively to the four programs authorized under Section 13 of the National School Lunch Act. They are National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and the Child and Adult Care Program (CACFP).

CN Label: A special USDA symbol of approval of a food product. It shows that the USDA has determined that a single serving of a manufacturer's food product makes a specified contribution to the child nutrition meal pattern requirement.

Claim Determination: Review of an RA's donated food loss to determine liability.

Commodity: A food purchased by the USDA for use in various federal nutrition programs; a donated food.

Commodity Acceptability Report: (Also known as Food Preference Report.) A State

of Delaware report which advises the USDA of the RA's preferences for: certain foods, kinds of packaging, container sizes and quantities that could be used in one year. The report aids the Distributing Agency in determining which foods to accept. Delaware surveys most agencies.

Commodity Assistance Level: The dollar amount of donated food that the USDA provides under federal laws. It is adjusted annually.

Commodity Code: A code made up of a letter and a number to identify a particular type of food and packaging size. Used on Commodity Allocation Forms and Bills of Lading.

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC): A USDA agency that provides price support to producers of agricultural commodities with loans, direct purchases, and other means. Grains and dairy, peanut, and oil products are price support commodities.

Commodity Fact Sheet: USDA information about a particular product.

Contract Value of Donated Foods: The price set by the USDA for a commodity. This price reflects the USDA's cost to buy the food, plus transportation and processing costs.

Contracting Agency: The State of Delaware, Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP). It signs contracts with food processors.

Department (USDA): The United States Department of Agriculture.

Direct Delivery: The delivery of a commodity directly to the state warehouse or to a processor.

Disasters: Natural events (hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, floods, high water, wind-driven water, tidal waves, earthquakes, drought, and fires) or man-made events (explosions, fires, riots, nuclear and chemical contamination) which cause the USDA to approve emergency feeding programs.

Disaster Organizations: Organizations authorized by federal or state officials to assist disaster victims.

Disaster Victims: Persons who are, because of natural or man-made disasters, in need of food assistance.

Distributor: An independent commercial food purveyor or handler that sells, bills, stores, and delivers food to an agency.

Distributing Agency (DA or SDA): The state agency that is responsible for the distribution of USDA foods. Delaware's DA is the Federal Food Commodities Program of the Government Support Services Division of the Office of Management and Budget.

Donated Food (DF): Foods purchased by the USDA for use in various federal nutrition programs.

End Product: Food produced by a processor using a specific quantity of USDA donated food.

Entitlement/Entitlement Funds: The level of food assistance provided to the State of Delaware. This is set by the USDA.

Entitlement Food: Group A or Group B foods that are "charged" to an agency's account or entitlement. Bonus foods of any kind, including those from Group A or Group B do not reduce the entitlement funds.

Federal Food Commodities Program: The program that administers the distribution of USDA commodities, which belongs to the Government Support Services Division of the Office of Management and Budget.

Fee-for-Service: A method by which an agency buys processed food from a processor. The price per case (or per pound) of processed food represents the commercial processor's costs of ingredients other than USDA donated food, plus labor, packaging and overhead. Used primarily for meat and poultry.

Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office (FNSRO): Regional Office of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture. Delaware is in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

FIFO: First In, First Out. An inventory practice that requires the oldest food to be used first.

Food Alert System: Formal USDA instructions to handle food emergencies.

Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS):

USDA agency that inspects the wholesomeness of food products, not including grains or dairy products.

Food Preference Report: See Commodity Acceptability Report.

Food Service Management Company: A commercial or nonprofit organization that an agency may contract with to manage its food service.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Destination: A method of pricing in which a vendor includes the transportation charges to a specific destination in the bid price of a product. The vendor is then responsible for arranging and paying for transportation.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Origin: A method of pricing in which a vendor excludes the transportation charges in the bid price of a product. Transportation arrangements are made and paid for by the USDA.

Group A Commodities: Foods purchased by the USDA under Section 32 of the Agricultural Act of 1935. Foods include fruits, vegetables, meats, and poultry.

Group B Commodities: Foods purchased by the USDA under Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949. Foods include grains and dairy, peanut and oil products.

Indirect Sales: Sales by a commercial food processor to an agency through a distributor, broker, or other middleperson.

Inventory: Inventory is the donated food that belongs to an RA, including food on hand and allocated food stored in a state warehouse.

Multi-State Processor: A multi-state food processor has contracts with more than one state or has contracts in a state other than the one in which its processing plant or business office is located.

National School Lunch Act: Law that authorized the National School Lunch Program, among others.

NSLP: National School Lunch Program.

Needy Persons: Needy persons are: 1) people who are in need of food assistance because of their economic status, 2) members of a household who are certified in need of food assistance, or 3) disaster victims.

Nonprofit School Food Service: Food services that operate solely for the benefit of school children, with any revenue reinvested in the food service operation itself.

Nutrition Services Incentive Program

(NSIP): A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services program which provides persons over 60 and their spouses with nutritionally sound meals through the meals-on-wheels program or in senior citizens centers and similar settings. The USDA contributes commodity foods and/or cash to these programs.

Offer and Acceptance System: The method by which the Food Distribution Section offers donated food to an RA in advance of the shipment date. The RA, in turn, accepts only the amount and varieties it needs.

Out-of-Condition Food: USDA donated food that has deteriorated in quality so that it is unsafe for human consumption.

Performance Bond: An instrument (contract) written by a surety company which guarantees performance and supply of end products by a processor under the terms of a food processing contract.

Piggy-Back: A highway truck trailer transported on a railroad flatcar.

PAL: Planned Assistance Level. The dollar value of an agency's entitlement.

Processing: Converting USDA donated food or foods into processed foods (end products) by a commercial food processor. Also refers to the repackaging of foods.

Processing Contract: Agreement between a federal or state agency and a commercial food processor to convert USDA donated food to a more usable or convenient form.

Processor: A commercial organization, other than a food service management company,

which converts USDA donated foods into end products.

Production Records: Records of the types and amounts of ingredients used in food preparation.

Recipient Agency (RA): An organization that receives donated foods. Agencies can include summer camps, charitable institutions, disaster relief organizations, school food authorities, public and private schools, food banks, and elderly nutrition programs.

Refund Method: A method by which an agency buys processed food from a processor or distributor. The RA pays full price for the product and then claims a refund from the processor.

Regulations: Federal Regulatory Authority that governs the USDA donated food programs.

Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI):

Public or private nonprofit licensed residential childcare facility that is eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program.

School Breakfast Program (SBP): A

federally subsidized breakfast program available to schools. Although USDA commodities are not provided for the School Breakfast Program, donated foods available for school lunches may be used for a breakfast program.

School Food Authority (SFA): The administrative body that is approved to operate a nonprofit school food service or to manage the National School Lunch Program. A School Food Authority may be responsible for more than one school.

School Year (SY): Twelve month period between July 1 and June 30.

Section 6: Refers to Section 6 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended, which authorizes the USDA purchase of foods for distribution to schools and institutions participating in Child Nutrition programs. Section 6 specifies the level of assistance or dollar amount that is provided.

Section 32: Refers to Section 32 of the Agricultural Act of 1935, as amended, which authorizes the USDA purchase and distribution of perishable commodities in order to remove surplus and stabilize farm prices.

Section 416: Refers to Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, which authorizes the purchase and distribution of commodities in order to support farm prices.

State Distributing Agency (SDA or DA): Federal Food Commodities Program (FFCP), Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget, State of Delaware. Also called Distributing Agency.

State Food Distribution Advisory Council:

A committee appointed from members of School Food Authorities and other child nutrition agencies. The committee is responsible for advising the Food Distribution Section and USDA of ways to improve the donated food programs.

State Option Contracts Program (SOC):

A program in which a state distributing agency contracts with USDA to acquire finished end products from private vendors for a processing fee.

Surveys: Method used by Food Distribution Section to gather information about foods.

TEFAP: The Emergency Food Assistance Program. It makes food available to agencies that provide foods to the homeless or needy. These commodities can be used for congregate feeding or distributed for household use.

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture.

Vendor: An organization offering a product or service to a customer.

Product Complaint Form

<u>Instructions:</u> Food supervisor or recipient agency/district/school should complete this form and submit directly to the Federal Food Commodities Program of the Government Support Services Division as soon as possible after a problem is discovered.

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Tel.: (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063 Fax: (302) 836-7642

DATE:	STATE:	<u>Delaware</u>
AGENCY/DISTRICT	LOCATION OF	COMMODITY
CONTACT PERSON:	TELEPHONE	
DATE PRODUCT DISCOVE	ERED OUT OF CONDITION:_	
PRODUCT	CONTRACT#	
PACKING DATE	CAN CODE (for canned	products)
OTHER CARTON IDENTIFI	CATION (i.e., Lot #, Commodit	ty Code)
DATE PRODUCT RECEIVE	ED FROM GOVERNMENT SUF	PPORT SERVICES
DATE PRODUCT RECEIVE	D AT COOKING FACILITY, IF	DIFFERENT
PROBLEM (Condition of Co	mmodity)	
LOCATION OF COMMODIT		
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SAMPLE

FEDERAL FOOD COMMODITIES PROGRAM P. O. BOX 299 DELAWARE CITY, DE 19706

Tel.: (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063 Fax: (302) 836-7642

DATE: 1/29/2005 AGENCY/DISTRICT: Milford School District

CONTACT PERSON: Mary Lynn Jackson TELEPHONE: 302-422-1637

DATE PRODUCT DISCOVERED OUT OF CONDITION: 1/29/2005

PRODUCT: Shredded Lite Mozzarella Cheese CONTRACT NUMBER:

PACKING DATE: 6/10/2004 CAN CODE (for canned products):

OTHER CARTON IDENTIFICATION: Lot # 2020162F 7027230143 0162

DATE PRODUCT RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL FOOD COMMODITIES PROGRAM: 11/2004

DATE PRODUCT RECEIVED AT COOKING FACILITY IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1/05/2005

PROBLEM (Condition of the commodity): Product was moldy

LOCATION OF COMMODITY: Milford Middle School

WHO DETERMINED COMMODITY TO BE OUT OF CONDITION? (BOARD OF HEALTH/STATE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, STAFF PERSON, DISTRICT/AGENCY STAFF): Staff person

AMOUNT RECEIVED: 8 cases AMOUNT USED: 2 cases BALANCE ON HAND: 0

AMOUNT ASSUMED UNUSABLE OR QUESTIONABLE: 6 cases

PROTECTION GIVEN COMMODITY AFTER RECEIPT IN AGENCY/DISTRICT (TYPE OF STORAGE AND TEMPERATURE OF STORAGE AREA): Walk-in Cooler, 40 Degrees

ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP IDENTIFY THE PRODUCT AND ESTABLISH IF VENDOR LIABILITY IS INVOLVED:

^{**} Item was destroyed

STATE OF DELAWARE FEDERAL FOOD COMMODITIES PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE FOOD HOME TEFAP Agency

Name: Household: _		Numbe	er of People in				
Address:							
your househo	ld income is a	t or below the	for each family income listed : are eligible to	for the			
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For each additional member of family add:	+ \$ 6,438	+ \$ 537	+ \$ 124				
() Income is less than listed on above income scale.							
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Food	Stamps	AFDC		Medicaid			
GA		SSI					

Please read the following statement carefully. Then sign the form and write in today's date.

I certify that my annual gross income is at or below the income listed on this form for households with the same number of people as my household, OR that my household participates in the program that I have checked on this form. I also certify that, as of today, my household lives in the area served by the Delaware Emergency Food Assistance Program. This certification form is being completed in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify what I have certified to be true. I understand that making a false certification may result in having to pay the State for the value of the food improperly issued to me and may subject me to criminal prosecution under State and Federal law.

(Signature)	(Date)
(Proxy Signature)	(Date)
Proxy Address	

Customer Discrimination Complaint Form

<u>Instructions:</u> Complete this form and submit directly to the Federal Food Commodities Program of the Government Support Services Division as soon as possible after the problem occurs.

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DATE _	STATE <u>Delaware</u>
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	Gender Disability
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Name	Title Address

Civil Rights Compliance Review Form

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Generic Government Donated Food Inventory Report

NAME OF AGENCY OR INSTITUTION					
STORAGE LOCATION					
INVENTORY REPORT AS OF:					
This semi-annual report indicates total commodities on hand. The quantities are the actual amounts after reconciling a physical count against the book inventory.					
COMMODITY - USDA ONLY	AMOUNT ON HAND				

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TEFAP Government Donated Food Inventory Report

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Directions to the FOOD WAREHOUSE

STATE OF DELAWARE
Federal Food Commodities Program
1 Wilmington Ave.
Grounds of Governor Bacon Health Center
Delaware City, DE 19706
Phone: (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063
FAX: (302) 836-7642

From the NORTH (via I-95 or Rt. 13):

- Follow Interstate 95 South to the Route 1/Christiana Mall exit 4A
- Follow Route 1 South to the Delaware City/Route 72 exit 152 (last exit before new St. George's bridge). Turn left at light at top of ramp onto Rt. 72 South
- Follow 72 South, which becomes Route 9 South (no turn) chemical co.'s and refinery on left
- Continue south on Rt. 9 into Delaware City. Continue straight through traffic light
- Go over a **small** iron bridge and **immediately** bear to right. Take your first left (driving under the Reedy Point Bridge) onto grounds of Gov. Bacon and take the first right turn to Food Warehouse *

From the SOUTH (via I-95 North):

- Take exit for 896 South at Newark, DE
- Follow 896 S and turn left onto Route 40 East
- At Fox Run (between Apts. & Shopping Center) turn onto Rt. 72 South
- Follow 72 South, which becomes Route 9 South (no turn) past several chemical companies and large refinery on left
- Continue south on Rt. 9 into Delaware City. Continue straight through traffic light
- Go over a small iron bridge and immediately bear to right. Take your first left (driving under the Reedy Point Bridge) onto grounds of Gov. Bacon and take the first right turn to Food Warehouse *

From the SOUTH (via Rt. 301 or Rt. 13):

- Take Rt. 301 and turn right onto 896 South toward Rt. 13. Cross over Rt. 13 and take Rt. 1 North
- Take the first exit after new St. George's Bridge for **Delaware City** and bear right onto **Route 72 South**
- Follow 72 South, which becomes **Route 9 South** (no turn) chemical co.'s and refinery on left
- Continue south on Rt. 9 into Delaware City. Continue straight through traffic light
- Go over a **small** iron bridge and **immediately** bear to right. Take your first left (driving under the Reedy Point Bridge) onto grounds of Gov. Bacon and take the first right turn to Food Warehouse *

Any questions regarding these directions? Call us at (302) 838-8062 or (302) 838-8063. To contact warehouse before 7:30 a.m., call (302) 838-8065. **Deliveries only accepted from 6:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Mon-Fri, excluding holidays.**

^{*} Our main office is the first white one-story building on the right. The (visibly tall and large) Food Warehouse is located directly behind the main office. If you come in the night before, you must turn LEFT immediately after you cross small iron bridge and take an immediate right. Go straight through at stop sign and curve around to warehouse dock (the other gate is closed at night). Drivers can arrive night before and rest in lot.

Delivery Fee Schedule

Per Case Delivery Charge							
Program	Warehouse Fee Amt	Prep Site Fee Amt	Direct Ship Fee Amt	Will Call Fee Amt			
CACF	\$ 3.00	\$3.00	0.00	\$3.00			
CI	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.00	\$3.00			
NSIP	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.00	\$3.00			
NSL	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.00	\$3.00			
SFSP	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.00	\$3.00			
TFAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
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CI	25.00						
NSIP	25.00						
NSL	25.00						
SFSP	25.00						
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USDA Food Transfer Form - TEFAP Agencies

Instructions: Unless otherwise arranged, this transfer of foods should be completed within 15 days of receipt of the transfer papers. If not executed, "VOID" should be written across the form and returned to the Federal Food Commodities Program. "Out-of-Condition" foods should not be accepted. Date transfer completed, signatures and distribution of copies must be completed to validate the transfer. Forward the completed form to the above address. One copy should be retained for the Transferring Agency and one copy for the Receiving Agency.

Date:			
Recipient Agency Tra	nsferred From:		
Address:			
Recipient Agency Tra	nsferred To:		
Address:			
Transfer Authorized b	y:		
Food Item	Unit Size	Unit Price	Amount
	_		
Date Transfer Comple	eted:		
Signature of Transferi	 ring Agent	Signature of	Accepting Agent

Loss of USDA Donated Foods: Loss By Fire

Instructions: In case of loss of commodities due to fire, TEFAP and NSIP Agencies should complete this form and submit it to the following for inventory adjustment: Government Support Services Division, Federal Food Commodities Program, P.O. Box 299, Delaware City, DE 19706.

A. Itemize by commodity showing quantity for each, and show total value of loss for each commodity:

Quantity

Signature _____

Commodity

Value/Unit

Total Value (\$)

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В.	Circumstances under which the commodities were lost and apparent causes:								
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Ag	ency							_	

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Date _____

Loss of USDA Donated Foods: Loss By Theft

Instructions: In case of loss of commodities due to theft, TEFAP and NSIP Agencies should complete this form and submit it to the following for action: Federal Food Commodities Program, P.O. Box 299, Delaware City, DE 19706.

A. Itemize by commodity showing quantity for each, and show total value of loss for each commodity:

Commodity Quantity Value/Unit Total Value				
Gr	and Total			
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В.	Place of loss		Date loss discovered	
			ere stolen	
	1. Custodian of	commodities at time of t	heft	
	Security pred			
	a.	Who had access?		
			cking devices were used?	
		Was there a watchman	on duty?	
D.	Report of loss:			
		reported to police? Yes		
		ake a report? Yes No		
		prehended? Yes No overy of loss possible? Y		
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Loss of USDA Donated Foods: Loss By Refrigerator/Freezer Failure

Instructions: In case of loss of commodities due to refrigeration/freezer failure, TEFAP and NSIP Agencies should complete this form and submit it to the following for inventory adjustment: Federal Food Commodities Program, P.O. Box 299, Delaware City, DE 19706.

A. Itemize by commodity showing quantity for each, and show total value of loss for each commodity:

Value/Unit

Commodi	ty	Quantity	Value/Unit	Total Value (\$)
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B.	Circumstand	es under which the com	nodities were lost and ap	parent causes:
		and place of loss		
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C.	Insurance:			
			he building insured? Yes	
		-	were USDA donated cor	nmodities covered?
_	Yes N			
D.		of damaged or lost comm		h h O
	1. was dan	naged commodity inspec	ted? Yes No If so	o, by wnom?
	2 Woro co	ndomnation reports made	o2 Voc. No. If you	cubmit conv
	2. Were con	y commodities salvaged	e? Yes No If yes,	Submit copy.
			ale of damaged commod	itv
	\$	of money realized from 3	ale of damaged commod	ity.
			yed? Yes No If so	hv whose
	authority	-	yea: 163 <u> </u>), by W11030
E.			frigeration loss, if there is	s one. If loss was
			reprimanded? Yes N	
	•	possible? Yes No	•	
F.		•	ce of fault or negligence:	
		ou take the position you		
	2. Have you	obtained sufficient evide	ence & documentation to	support your position?
	Yes N	o <u> </u> .		
			at is the amount of claim	
	\$	What was the basis of	used to compute the clair	n?
_				
Agency				
Signatura			Doto	
Signature			Date	

Loss of USDA Donated Foods: Loss By Infestation/Spoilage/Contamination

Instructions: In case of loss of commodities due to infestation, spoilage or contamination, TEFAP and NSIP Agencies should complete this form and submit it to the following for action: Federal Food Commodities Program, P.O. Box 299, Delaware City, DE 19706.

A. Itemize by commodity showing quantity for each, and show total value of loss for each commodity:

Commodity		Quantity value/Unit		Total value (\$)		
Grand To	tal		I			
В.	Place of loss	3	Date loss discovere	d		
			at time of loss?			
D.	Apparent car					
	1. Insect or	rodent (give details)				
_	2. Other (gi	ditions (explain type of st	orage)			
⊏.	1 Was com	uitions (explain type of st amodity stored on nallets	? Yes No Condition	n of nallets		
	2. Was the	re adequate air space be	tween rows and walls? Y	'es No		
		-in, first-out (FIFO) obser				
			r inspected upon receipt?	' Yes No		
			n and/or rodent control s			
			sed?			
F.			rarehouse, was there a st			
•			iability provisions?			
G.		of damaged or lost comm	iodity: ted? Yes No If ye	se by		
			iteur res No Il ye	:S, Dy		
	2. Were co	 ndemnation reports mad	e? Yes No If yes,	submit copy.		
	3. Were an	y commodities salvaged'	? Yes No			
			ale of damaged commod	ity:		
	\$	 				
	5. Was dan	naged commodity destro	yed? Yes No If so	o, by whose authority?		
Н.	•	•	ce of fault or negligence:			
		you take the position you				
			ence & documentation to	support your position?		
	Yes N		at is the amount of claim	octablished?		
			used to compute the clair			
	Ψ	**********************************	assa to compute the clair			
			<u> </u>			
Agency						
Signature			Date			

Perpetual Inventory Form for USDA Commodities

FOOD ITEM:			UNIT SIZE:				
		QL	QUANTITY OF FOOD				
DATE	RECORD OF ACTION	(Cases	(Cases, Cans, Pounds, Etc.)				
		Received	Withdrawn	Balance			
_							

State of Delaware Federal Food Commodities Program

Field Review Report

Nar	me of Agency/School/Institution Mana	ager		
Loc	cation District Super	visor		
Тур	pe of Institution Capacity Population N	umber Eligible		
Lur	nch Breakfast Dinner Intracts Agency Agreement Processing Food Mana			
Cor	ntracts Agency Agreement Processing Food Mana	gement Other	_	
Do	nated Food Review	Yes	No	N/A
	Is there an offer and acceptance procedure for commodities?			
	Does the Recipient consider inventories & utilization?			
3.	Does the Recipient take a physical count each month?			
	. Does the Recipient report the loss of USDA foods?			
b.	. Does the Recipient understand food loss procedures?			
C.	. To whom does the Recipient report the loss?			
5.	Can USDA foods on hand be properly utilized?			
6.	Is FIFO practiced in all instances?			
7.	Are USDA foods dated when received?			
8.	Are books and records pertaining to receipt & disbursement adequate?			
9.	Are they being maintained for the required period of time?			
10.	. Are fact sheets received from Distributing Agency?			
11.	. Are transfers recorded on inventory?			
12.	. Is Recipient familiar with proper storage guidelines?			
13a	a. Are USDA foods used for functions other than school lunch (e.g., PTA me	eetings,		
bar	nquets, fairs, etc.)?			
b	o. Do home economics classes use USDA foods?			
	c. Are they recorded on Recipient's inventory?			
14.	. Are USDA foods & purchased foods afforded the same care?			
	. Are USDA foods segregated from purchased?			
	Does Recipient have any outdated USDA foods?			
17.	. Is there sufficient dry storage space?			
	. Is the proper temperature used for dry storage?			
	. Is there suitable ventilation and air circulation?			
	. Is there proper tonnage stacking & sufficient shelving?			
	. Is there sufficient cooler and freezer space?			
	. Is the proper temperature used for the freezer and the cooler?			
	. Are there ample safeguards against: Theft Insects Rodents?	1		
	. Are there acceptable sanitary conditions?			
	. Is the condition of commodities at the time of visit satisfactory?			
	. Are USDA foods segregated from items such as gasoline, soap, paint, etc).?		
	. Are you familiar with Disaster Feeding Guidelines?			
_	. Has there been any improvement since the last review?			
	of the above has been discussed with me:			
	Name	Titl	e	
Dat	te Field Representative, Federal Food Program			

Sample Invoice

Government Support Services Federal Food Commodities Program

Invoice#: 1493 Invoice Date: 07/10/2005

Invoice

Agreement#: 006 Due Date:

08/09/2005

Sponsor Information

Division of Youth Rehabilitation 1825 Faulkland Road

Wilmington, DE 19805

Remit Payment To:

Government Support Services P.O. Box 299

Delaware City, DE 19706

Order Number	Delivery Date	Delivery Site	Total Case s	Fee Per Case	Total Service Fees
1617	06/11/200 2	Ferris School	20	3.00	60.00
1618	06/12/200 2	Stevenson House	3	3.00	9.00
1625	06/11/200 2	NC County Detention Center	11	3.00	33.00
		Subtotals:	34		102.00
		Multiple Trip Charge:			0.00
		Total Invoice Amount:			\$ 102.00

Commodity Order Form

Order Form

Agreement# 001 Sponsor: Appoquinimink School District Program: NSL

		Delivery	/ Locat	ion				
		ew Order ddletown High		Delivery Date Delivery Type				
						Prep Site 🔻		
Delivery Address 120		Silver Lake Road Co		Contact Lyr		Lynn L	ın Lenker	
City, ST, Zip Midd		lletown, DE 19709		Phone (302)378-52		78-5255		
Description		Pack Size	Co	Comm Code		able	Order Qty	
Beef Frz 40		40 lb ctn	A608		7			
Chicken, Frz, Diced		40 LB CTN	A517		7		J	
Chix Fajita Frz		30 lb ctn	A563		11			
Patties All Beef 40		40 lb ctn	A626		37	7		
Peaches, Clng, Sliced		6/#10 cans	A408	A408				
Pears, Halves, Canned		6/#10	A431	<u> </u>	18	3		
Tuna Cnd 66.5		6/66.6 oz cans	A742	2	9			
				Т	OTAL C	ASES	0	

Submit Order | Cancel

Sample Commodity Order Form

Order Form

Agreement# 001 Sponsor: Appoquinimink School District Program: NSL

		Delivery	Location	1			
Order#	1584	dletown High		Delivery Date 8		3/21/2002	
Site Name	Middle			Delivery T	ype	Prep Site 🕝	
Delivery Address	120 Silv			Contact		Lynn Lenker	
City, ST, Zip	Middlet	own, DE 19709	DE 19709 Phone		(;	302)378-5255	
Description	n	Pack Size	Comm Code		Availabl	le Order Qty	
Beef Chuck Roast		38-42 lb ctn	A614		3	3	
Beef Frz 40		40 lb ctn	A608		10	3	
Chicken, Frz, Diced		40 LB CTN	A517		9	2	
Chix Fajita Frz		30 lb ctn	A563		17	6	
Patties All Beef 40		40 lb ctn	A626		37		
Peaches, Clng, Sliced		6/#10 cans	A408		25	4	
Pears, Halves, Canned		6/#10	A431		18		
SPAGHETTI SAUCE 10		6/#10	A243		7	7	
Tuna Cnd 66.5		6/66.6 oz cans	A742		11	2	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				Т	OTAL CAS	SES 27	

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